

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 28, 1907.

We have little change to note in business matters this week. Trade continues about the same as at our last review, and money is coming more freely into circulation. The demand from the shipping and provision stores is unusually small this year. Owing to the high prices which prevailed last season for some descriptions of goods, a large number of wharves have this year been left idle. The market for sugar is very quiet, and the price of the crop is about the same as last year. The market for coffee is also very quiet, and the price of the crop is about the same as last year. The market for rice is also very quiet, and the price of the crop is about the same as last year.

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DEPARTURES. Oct. 21 - Navigator, Fisher, for New Zealand. Oct. 21 - Navigator, Fisher, for New Zealand. Oct. 21 - Navigator, Fisher, for New Zealand. Oct. 21 - Navigator, Fisher, for New Zealand.

BIRTH. In Honolulu, on the evening of the 24th inst., the lady E. C. Thomas King, of a daughter.

DIED. Oct. 28, at the residence of Mrs. Irvin, Honolulu, S. L. of pneumonia, after a long illness, Mr. J. M. King, of Honolulu, aged 72 years.

PLACES OF WORSHIP. SEAMEN'S BETHEL - Rev. S. C. Damon, Chaplain - King street, near the Sailors' Home. Preaching on Sundays at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 10 A. M.

PORT STREET CHURCH - Corner of Port and Bristol streets. Preaching on Sundays at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 10 A. M.

METHODIST CHURCH - Corner of Port and Bristol streets. Preaching on Sundays at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 10 A. M.

CATHOLIC CHURCH - Corner of Port and Bristol streets. Preaching on Sundays at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 10 A. M.

SPECIAL BUSINESS NOTICE. Papers ready for mailing can be procured at our counter, neatly done in wrappers, five copies for 50 cents or twelve copies for \$1.00.

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THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29.

The Royal Hawaiian Agricultural Society. In accordance with a notice which appeared in our last, the above named Society held its annual meeting on Thursday last week in the Office of Chief Justice Allen at the Court House.

After the meeting had been called to order by the President, James P. Marshall, Esq., he proceeded to read a very interesting report of the Board of Managers, by which it appeared that the Society had been far from idle during the past year, a great many new plants and seeds having been introduced and distributed throughout the Islands.

A very encouraging view was presented of the general state of agriculture. The Board recommended that the subject of a public nursery immediately receive the attention of the Society, and that the spot granted by the Legislature for the purpose be secured, as it was thought to be a most eligible site for the purpose.

The Corresponding Secretary, Dr. William Hillebrand, then presented his report, detailing the efforts which had been made to secure seeds and plants from abroad.

By the report of the Treasurer it appeared that the resources of the Society amounted to some \$3,800. The subscriptions of members, however, had decreased greatly.

On motion of Dr. Hillebrand it was voted, that the thanks of the Society be tendered the following gentlemen for their services in forwarding seeds, plants and other articles to the Society: Mr. J. M. King, of Honolulu; Mr. J. M. King, of Honolulu; Mr. J. M. King, of Honolulu.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: His Excellency, R. C. Wyllie, President. His Excellency, R. C. Wyllie, President. His Excellency, R. C. Wyllie, President. His Excellency, R. C. Wyllie, President.

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silver medals to the officers and bronze medals to the crew of the whaling vessel, fitted out from these islands, which shall bring in the largest cargo of oil next year, in proportion to her size.

The singing, which was performed by an amateur choir, was excellent. The following pieces were sung: "The Barren Fields," "The Barren Fields," "The Barren Fields," "The Barren Fields."

By the Constitution of our Society it is made the duty of the retiring President to deliver an Address at the Annual Meeting. The selection of an appropriate topic for this occasion, I have found to be a matter of some difficulty.

On the general subjects of agriculture and its branches, horticulture and arboriculture, you have been so eloquently addressed by my talented predecessors, that anything I could say on these topics would seem "flat, stale and unprofitable."

You need no new arguments to convince you of the dignity and importance of this most noble of all pursuits. And were it otherwise, I have no new arguments to offer. Of the experience of others I am not competent to speak, except in general terms, and a relation of my own experience, unfortunately, would only show that, in my case at least, has been a failure.

"Curbed be the ground for thy sake; thence, also, and thither shall it bring forth unto thee."

The anomalous character of our association, too, is a reason why the usual variety of topics, strictly pertaining to practical agriculture, would be neither interesting nor appropriate here. Nowhere in the world will you find a society for the promotion of agriculture composed of such heterogeneous materials.

Upon an examination of one of our lists of members, found at the head of the whaling fleet, we were told, there were 15 merchants and traders, 200 officers, 24 clerks, 20 missionaries and clergymen, 16 mechanics, 7 officers of foreign governments, 6 hotel keepers, 6 physicians, 5 sea captains, 5 lawyers, 2 schoolmasters, 4 editors, 1 traveler—195 non-agriculturalists, and 21 practical agriculturists in all. And when you remember that most of these agriculturists live on the other islands, and cannot be expected to spare the time it would require, in the present state of our inter-island intercourse, to attend our annual meetings, you will agree with me that a dissertation on such subjects, manners, relation of crops, or any other of the kindred subjects pertaining to practical agriculture, would be neither interesting nor instructive.

The motive which led to the formation of this Society, by which a class of non-agriculturalists, was a noble one. It was a deep interest in the national welfare—a desire to promote the prosperity of their adopted country, by aiding, with their means and influence, the development of its agricultural resources.

I know, therefore, of no subject of deeper interest to us, or more appropriate to this occasion, than "THE PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER."

"THE PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER." On this theme I venture to offer a few thoughts for your consideration; although of little value in themselves, yet if their expression has the effect of calling your attention more fully to the subject, some good result will be attained.

What are now, and what are to be, our chief sources of national prosperity? What means of developing our resources are within our reach, and are we availing ourselves to the utmost of those means?

These are questions of deep significance to all who have the welfare of Hawaii at heart. Can we answer them satisfactorily?

Let us look back to the period of the formation of the Society, and review the history of the past seven years. Have the bright hopes and prospects which animated its founders been realized? From the circular which first called together this Association, I quote the following:

"For years past, the agricultural interests of these Islands have been insignificant, and their pursuit unattractive. The attention of the community has been turned to commerce, and the result has been a neglect of the soil, and a consequent want of sufficient capital to experiment upon its capabilities, most of the agricultural lands here have been laid waste or utterly fallow, and with the exception of a few sugar and coffee plantations, the proprietors of which have invested too much capital in the purchase of land, and too little in the cultivation of the soil, and which were still struggling with doubtful prospects, the whole amount of agricultural operations at these Islands, consisted in the raising of fruit and vegetables for the consumption of the population."

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